[*Translation*]

Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets to SC/ST in Orissa

5395 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise places of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel pumps in Orissa at present;

(b) the number out of them allotted to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(c) the district-wise number of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets allotted during 1990-91

(d) the number out of them allotted to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(e) the places, district-wise, where LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets are proposed to be allotted during 1991-92; and

(f) the number out of them to be allotted to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a and b).

	Total	*SC/ST*
	(As on 1.4.1991)	
LPG Distributorships	80	16
Retail Outlet Dealerships	325	31

(c) 4 LPG distributorships and 5 retail outlet dealerships.

(d) One.

(e) and (f). While some LPG distributorships and retail outlet dealerships planned in previous Marketing Plans are yet to be commissioned, new programme has been finalised for the year 1991-92.

[*English*]

Yatri Niwas Youth Hostels

5396. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI V. N. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to provide inexpensive clean and comfortable accommodation to low budget-minded tourists by constructing yatri niwas/ youth hostels etc;

(b) if so, the details of such yatri niwas/ youth hostels constructed in various parts of theccountry and the number of rooms added to the existing yatri niwas/youth hostels during 1990-91

(c) when these yatri niwas/youth hostels were constructed;

(d) the room rents fixed in each at the time of construction and the present rate of room rent in these yatri niwas/youth hostels; and

(e) the facilities provided in the rooms of

these yatri niwas /youth hostels.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eleven Yatri Niwases an d 33 Youth Hostels have been constructed at different places of the country. No additional rooms have been added during 1990-91 to the existing Yatri Niwases/Youth Hostels.

(c) Seventeen youth hostels were completed upto the end of 6th plan period. One Yatri Niwas and 14 youth hostels were completed during the 7th plan period. Nine Yatri Niwases and two youth hostels were completed during 1991-91. One yatri niwas has been competed during 1991-92, so far.

(d) Rents for yatri niwases are normally fixed by concerned State Governments and these are not compiled with the Central Department of Tourism. However, rents in yatri Niwas range between Rs. 20 and Rs. 50 per bed in dormitory type accommodation. Rents in the case of youth hostels have not materially changed since 1985 and the range is between Rs. 8 and Rs. 20 per bed in dormitory type accomodation.

(e) Domitories in yatri niwases/youth hostels provide lodging facilities with common bath rooms.

Fall in foreign tourist arrival

5397. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D.CHAVAN:
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that hotel industry is facing crisis due to fall in the number of foreign tourists visiting India;

(b) whether the Government are aware that a number of hotels have to be crossed down as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Steps are being taken by the Government to increase the inflow of tourists to India by improving the tourism infrastructure and strengthening the marketing efforts.

Lumding-Badarpur Section (NFR)

5398. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the number of days railway traffic was disrupted on the Lumding-Badarpur Hill section of N.F. Railway during last one year because of landslide;

(b) the total loss suffered by the Railways in terms of revenue and otherwise as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The traffic was disrupted for different time durations on 23 days during 1990-91.

(b) An expenditure of Rs 1 lakh (approx.) was incurred in clearing the land slides. Revenue .loss on this account is not quantifiable.

(c) Catch water drains are being provided and slopes of the hillside are being strengthened, wherever necessary, in order to overcome the problem.

Compensation to Displaced Persons at Durg

5399. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;